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[¶](#)1. (SBU) According to colleagues of seized Amcit Cash Steven Godbold, Godbold has been moved some 12-15 kilometers away from the town of Zoumri. Chadian Tubus have reported to Godbold's N'Djamena colleagues that the MDJT guards with Godbold are standing watch in shifts, and are concerned that a rescue effort (by other Tubus) might be staged. Godbold continues to be in good health and spirits. Post's Consular Officer has spoken with Godbolt's wife in N'Djamena.

[¶](#)2. (C) A Red Cross representative is traveling to Bardai on October 24 (ostensibly to escort some mine accident victims to N'Djamena.) Word has been passed through the Tubu community that the Red Cross representative is available to discuss the Godbolt case with the MDJT if they wish.

[¶](#)3. (SBU) CDA has requested a meeting with the Government of Chad (GOC) spokesman on the case, Secretary of State Djasnabaille. Godbolt's colleagues continue to urge quiet negotiation.

[¶](#)4. (U) Tripoli minimize considered.  
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